

The Arts Insider

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Maryland Arts Day
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Miller Senate Building
11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD

Early Bird Registration of \$35

Extended to February 2!

After February 2, Registration is \$50



Your participation is crucial! Governor Hogan's FY 2016 budget proposal not only cuts arts funding for next year, but also makes a mid-year cut for this fiscal year. We need your voice to be heard to push back on both of these cuts!



Keynote Speaker Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, President of University of Maryland, Baltimore County since 1992, is a consultant on science and math education to national agencies, universities, and school systems. Named one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World by TIME (2012) and one of America's Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report (2008), he also received TIAA-CREF's Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence (2011), the Carnegie Corporation's Academic Leadership Award (2011), and the Heinz Award (2012) for contributions to improving the "Human Condition."

Schedule

8:15 am Registration/Networking Breakfast
8:50 am Opening Remarks (Matt Gallagher, Chair, Board of Trustees, MCA)
9:00 am Greetings from Elected Officials
9:50 am Sue Hess Maryland Arts Advocate of the Year Award Presentation
10:00 am Keynote Address: Freeman Hrabowski, President, UMBC
10:40 am Presentation on Governor's P20 Task Force on Education, AEMS
11:00 am Budget Realities and Legislative Talking Points
11:15 am County Delegation Coordination
11:45 am Legislative Visits
1:00 pm Lunch and Networking
1:50 pm Maryland Arts Day Wrap-Up

Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, parking, and shuttle ride to the President's Conference Center at the Miller Senate Building. Following the morning speakers and information session, the main purpose of the day will be to discuss with lawmakers the importance of a strong arts community to the economic and cultural vitality of Maryland. Maryland Arts Day needs your participation! For more information and to register, go to <http://www.mdarts.org>.

President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

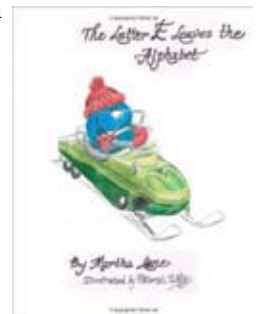
This month's letter features CCAA Member Martha Lane, author of the children's book, *The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet*:

"I'm a new kid on the block," if you can call an 80 year old woman a kid. Three years ago, when I was much younger, I joined the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) becoming part of an organization that has changed my life. The more I became involved, the greater my appreciation grew. I watched the faithful founders work long, hard hours with their devoted Board members and marveled at the list of generous contributors. When I became aware that the meetings, events, ArtsFests, grant applications and so much more, were done by volunteers, I was shocked. Keeping this organization going is a full time job, as I see it.

At my first membership meeting, I wanted to say "thank you" and explain what had happened in my life, but did not have the courage. When I was invited by Bob Rausch, to write my "new member" impressions, for the newsletter, I was delighted to have a second chance. So here goes.

What the CCAA does matters **forever**. And makes all the difference in the lives of the young, the old, the struggling, the dreamers, who just want a chance to be heard and noticed, in a world where that is difficult to come by. I want you to feel the grateful hearts of those who received grants totaling over \$43,000 at the annual Gala. Rejoice that 300 children received back packs filled with school art supplies, given each year to the Children's Aid Society. Keep in mind how awesome ArtsFest and now Kris Kringle are, where vendors and artists of every genre can find an affordable market for their work. A market which is well organized. A place where good food and cold lemonade, concerts, dancers and art abound. And where there are no admission or parking fees!

And I want you to know how my life was changed by Diane and Bob Rausch, whom I have known for over 20 years. These two incredible citizens of Charles County are also members of my church. However, in all those years of Bob's directing and Diane and me singing in the choir, they had never spoken to me of the CCAA, an organization they founded in 1987! One Sunday morning, sitting together in church, I was asked to autograph my newly published book, *The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet*. Bob and Diane were surprised and asked, "what book?" When the Service was over they invited me to lunch. That was the first time I heard about the CCAA and the opportunities writers, artists and musicians were given, to become known to the people of Charles County and beyond. This was a Divine Encounter for me.



To understand the significance of this Sunday luncheon, you need to know that my husband of 44 years, Rev. John F. Lane, had died in December of 2011, three months before my book was published, which added to my heartbreak. There I was, in a restaurant, a grieving widow, sitting with two friends who were reaching out to help me, at a time when I felt my life was over. What followed that luncheon was a Miracle in my life, the Miracle of hope. In time, I became the local guest author at the ArtsFest, where I read and sold my book in public for the first time. Invitations followed to read *Letter E* at the La Plata Library, at the Charles County Fair in the Little School House, the Rotary Club, the Early Learning Center of CSM, Attie Ward's Day Care Center in La Plata, the BooksNuts BookStore in White Plains, and the new Waldorf West Library in Waldorf. I will always be grateful for the door God opened that Sunday morning, through Bob and Diane Rausch, and the Charles County Arts Alliance.

Martha Lane, "The New Kid on the Block"

Thank you, Martha, for those kind and inspiring words!

Robert

Robert K. Rausch

President, Charles County Arts Alliance

Arts Alliance Honors 37 Artists at the Waldorf West Library Gallery Winter Art Show

"Meet the Artists" Public Reception Held Saturday, January 10



Gale Kladitis, CCAA Vice President and Gallery Committee Chair



The artists pose with their Certificates of Artistic Merit for participating in the winter 2015 art show.



Diane Rausch, CCAA Past President

On Saturday, January 10, the Arts Alliance honored the artists whose works are now showing through March 27, at the Waldorf West Library Gallery. CCAA Past President Diane Rausch and Acting Charles County Public Library Director Diane Johnson presented each attending artist with a Certificate of Artistic Merit.

The 54 works of art were submitted by: Free Akins, Theresa Alo, Cindi Barnhart, Patricia Biles, Donna Capuano, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Cecelia Dunay, Gale Euchner, Betty Fuqua, Renée Fuqua, Jan Garland, Roxana Gonzales, Lonnie Harkins, Josh Hettel, Gordon Johnson, Deborah Ledbetter, Vicki Marckel, Ivette Marcucci, Leah Meyers, Pat Morrison, Jan Norton, Jason Powell, Ayanna Proctor, Cryz Proctor, Annabel Lee Russell, Spencer Russell, Wayne Russell, Christian Sams, Lee Anne Shontere, Shon Simpson, Paul Toscano, Pat Troiani, Shannon Wang, Neil Wilmoth, Gerry Wood and Sandra Wood.

Most of the artworks are available for purchase; a price list is available at the Library's information desk. All of the art may be viewed online at www.charlescountyarts.org.

The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, Maryland. Hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



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Meet Some of the Artists in the Winter 2015 Show at Waldorf West Library



Theresa Alo



Cindi Barnhart



Suzanne Cassidy



William Cassidy



Cecelia Dunay



Betty Fuqua



Renée Fuqua



Roxana Gonzales



Josh Hettel



Gordon Johnson



Ivette Marcucci



Leah Meyers



Pat Morrison



Cryz Proctor



Annabel Lee Russell



Wayne Russell



Lee Anne Shontere



Shon Simpson



Paul Toscano



Pat Troiani



Shannon Wang



Neil Wilmoth

Not pictured: Free Akins, Patricia Biles, Donna Capuano, Gale Euchner, Jan Garland, Lonnie Harkins, Deborah Ledbetter, Vicki Marckel, Jan Norton, Jason Powell, Ayanna Proctor, Spencer Russell, Christian Sams, Gerry Wood and Sandra Wood.

Arts Alliance "Call for Artists" for the Spring Art Show at Waldorf West Library

Deadline to Submit is February 16!

Theme is "Artists Choice"



The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Spring Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from March 30 to June 26, 2015. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art on any subject, to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com.

The email must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's mailing address
- Artist's email address
- Artist's phone number
- Artist's biography (half-page max, in MS-Word)
- Artist's headshot (jpeg)
- Title of artwork
- Medium/materials used
- Size/dimensions
- Year created
- Price, if applicable

Artists who have previously shown in the gallery are invited to submit new work for consideration. Selections will be made by the Gallery Committee and the artists will be notified at a later date in March.

On Saturday, May 2, a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held from 3:00 to 4:30 pm, at the Waldorf West Library's Main Gallery, to honor all the artists participating in the spring show. This reception immediately follows the Arts Alliance's Annual Membership Meeting, during which elections for the 2015 - 2017 Board of Directors and Officers will be held.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more information on the Arts Alliance and becoming a member, contact the Alliance at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or www.charlescountyarts.org.

Arts Alliance Opens Two New Solo Artist Shows

Exhibits Run Through Mid-April

Roxana Gonzales

Charles Regional Medical Center

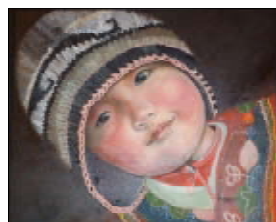


Roxana Gonzales is a Peruvian artist of true originality and spirit. Her works exhibit a freshness that is rarely found in schooled artist, she is the epitome of what makes art worthy of teaching to others. Her works are not based on old prescribed techniques, though her work is highly skilled and

technical, she turns her work into the emotional release that is for her and all those who view her paintings. She is your simple everyday artist, she paints according to how she feels, finding inspiration in almost everything, she creates her beautiful pieces using simple materials with her free time to paint, she tends to make the best of it by using peaceful time to relax and paint forgetting all her worries.

Roxana's art is available for purchase. She can be reached at Artofadreamer@aol.com.

The Medical Center is located at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, daily.



Betty Fuqua

Charles County Commissioners Gallery



Betty J. Fuqua was born on a farm 60 miles south of Kansas City, MO. She moved to Washington, DC, as a junior high student during World War II. In 1951, she started visiting St. Mary's County, and in 1970 she moved there where she and her husband raised three children while living on a small island. Betty is totally self-taught and has been painting on and off for over 54 years, learning all the while. She has enjoyed painting local tobacco farming, Amish subjects, and watermen and water fowl works. Lately, she has been enjoying trying her hand at copying the Old Masters. Having been raised on a farm during her younger years, Betty has a deep respect for all farmers. Some of her still life paintings remind her of her mom's wonderful baking and kitchen smells that she thinks of as home. Put simply, painting "makes my heart happy."

Betty's art is available for purchase. She can be reached at mofuqua@yahoo.com.

The Commissioners Gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.



CCAA and State News

Charles County Arts Alliance 2015 Scholarship Program is Open!

Deadline to Apply is February 28, 2015



Each year the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) awards \$1,000 scholarships to one outstanding graduating senior from each high school in Charles County and one graduating student from the College of Southern Maryland, who plan to continue studying the arts (performing, visual or literary) at a four-year college or university, leading to a career in the arts.

The completed application and all required documentation must be postmarked by noon, February 28, 2015, and mailed to CCAA, PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695. For more information, send an email to scholarship.ccaa@gmail.com or click here to go to the CCAA website to download an application. Charles County Public School Seniors may also see their high schools' College and Career Advisors for a copy of the application.

The Charles County Arts Alliance was founded in 1987 with the goal of stimulating, promoting, encouraging, and providing recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County, MD. For 28 years the Arts Alliance has worked towards this goal by providing a variety of events, workshops, and services designed to help Charles County artists and arts organizations succeed and thrive, including: the ArtsFest countywide festival, school and community grants, and the management of three public art galleries.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900 or info@charlescountyarts.org.

Maryland State Arts Council

Nonprofit Arts Contribute \$1 Billion to Maryland Economy

Maryland State Arts Council's (MSAC), newly released *Economic Impact of the Arts in Maryland: FY13* strongly demonstrates how MSAC's 260 grantee arts organizations and their audiences boost jobs, salaries and taxes in the state.



Maryland's nonprofit arts industry added \$1 billion to the economy. 7.6 million visitors at Maryland's art events spent 7% more than in FY2012 and generated an estimated \$369 million in direct spending, up from \$345 in FY2012.

The arts sector generated 12,000 full-time equivalent jobs equaling \$367 in salaries. Also, nonprofit arts added \$45 million to state and local tax revenues. And, every \$1 of the arts organizations' operating budgets produces an additional \$3.21 in total economic activity. Nonprofit Arts Contribute \$1 Billion to Maryland Economy.

To read the full report, go to <http://www.msac.org/sites/default/files/files/ArtsImpactFY2013FINAL.pdf>.

Performing Arts

Port Tobacco Players

Winnie the Pooh and the Birthday Tail

Saturday, February 7, 11:00 am and 3:00 pm

Sunday, February 8, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

All Tickets: \$6



(Family Musical) A very special Friend-and-Relation tells Christopher Robin a story of a Birthday Party very long ago (about last year) when Eeyore, the old gray donkey who lives by himself in the thistle corner of Hundred-Acre Wood, was absolutely miserable. It seems that he lost his tail! Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet get all of their friends to organize

a search. There is a great deal of fun and excitement, plus delightful songs, in the adventure that follows. To reserve tickets, contact the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or order tickets online at www.ptplayers.com.

College of Southern Maryland

Ward Virts Concert Series

ELIZA GARTH, piano

Sunday, February 8, 3:00 pm

Prince Frederick Campus, Building B, Room 104

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Free Admission; Donations Accepted



Pianist Eliza Garth has achieved international distinction through her recordings and through her concert appearances in major cities in the US, Europe, and Asia. An artist with a passionate voice and an adventurous spirit, she has championed some of the most demanding works in the

repertoire. Since graduating from The Juilliard School, Ms. Garth has performed nearly 200 new works, including many written for her. She is a member of the faculty of St. Mary's College of Maryland, and has been recognized twice by the Maryland State Arts Council with the Individual Artist Award. For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts>.

Henry E. Lackey High School

The U.S. Air Force Strings

Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 pm

3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head, MD

Free Admission



The Air Force Strings is the official string ensemble of The United States Air Force. Stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., it is one of six musical ensembles that comprise The U.S. Air Force Band. The Air Force Strings consists of 20 active duty Airmen musicians performing a wide range of

musical styles, from classical symphonic selections and Broadway show tunes to classic rock, bluegrass and patriotic compositions. The ensemble often entertains audiences at high-level military and government events in a formation known as the Strolling Strings. Providing a multi-dimensional experience, the instrumentalists surround the audience performing from memory without the aid of a conductor. For more information, call 301-743-5431.

College of Southern Maryland

Showcase Recital Series

Dr. Robert Jefferson

Friday, February 13, 8:00 pm

Leonardtwn Campus, Building A, Room 206

22950 Hollywood Road,

Leonardtwn, MD

Admission: \$5 in Advance;
\$7 Day of the Concert

Performing his piano and voice lecture-recital: "A Spiritual Journey: from Slavery to Emancipation." For more

information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.



Performing Arts

Music Teachers Association of Charles County

How Sweet It Is To Make Music With Others Ensemble Festival

Saturday, February 14 (Snow Date Saturday, February 28)

Programs at 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm
Christ Church, 112 East Charles Street, La Plata, MD

Free and Open to the Public!

For more information, visit <http://mtacc.org/event/how-sweet/> or contact Lucy Snell at ljsnell@comcast.net.



College of Southern Maryland *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf*

Thursdays, February 19 and 26, 7:30 pm.

Fridays, February 20 and 27, 8:00 pm

Saturdays, February 21 and 28, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 military/seniors/youth

This groundbreaking "choreo-poem" is a spellbinding collection of vivid prose and free verse narratives about and performed by Black women. Capturing the brutal, tender and dramatic lives of contemporary Black women, *For Colored Girls...* offers a transformative, riveting evening of provocative dance, music and poetry. For more information and to reserve tickets, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.



The Newtowne Players

Boeing, Boeing

February 20 - March 8

Three Notch Theatre, 21744 S. Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Member; \$12 Student/Military/Senior (65+); \$10 Child (12 and under)



It's the 1960s, and swinging American bachelor Bernard couldn't be happier: a flat in Paris and three gorgeous stewardesses all engaged to him without knowing about each other. But Bernard's perfect life gets bumpy when his friend Robert comes to stay and a new and speedier

Boeing jet throws off all of his careful planning. Soon all three stewardesses are in town simultaneously, timid Robert is forgetting which lies to tell to whom, and catastrophe looms. For more information and to reserve tickets, go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org>.

Tantallon Community Players

Harvey

Saturdays, February 28 and March 7, 8:00 pm

Sundays, March 1 and 8, 3:00 pm

Harmony Hall Regional Center

10701 Livingston Road, Ft. Washington, MD

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Students and Seniors (age 60+)

The age-old question: What if a man's best friend is a six-foot-tall invisible rabbit? Okay, so maybe that's not an age-old question, but it opens up another: Is there any way to get rid of a six-foot-tall invisible rabbit if his best friend is determined not to let him go? This hilarious and touching comedy is not to be missed. To order tickets, go to www.tantallonplayers.org.

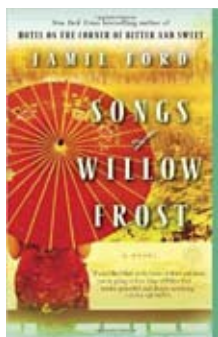


Literary Arts



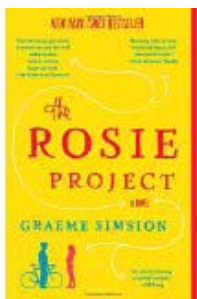
Book Discussion Groups

Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-638-4420.



February 4: *Songs of Willow Frost: A Novel* by Jamie Ford. Shifting between the Great Depression and the 1920s of Seattle, *Songs of Willow Frost* is a powerful tale of two souls: a boy with dreams for his future and a woman escaping her haunted past, both seeking love, hope, and forgiveness.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group meets at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month. Call 301-934-9001 for more information. The Center is located at 1210 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.



February 5: *The Rosie Project: A Novel* by Graeme Simsion. The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the "Wife Project" to find his perfect partner. Meet Rosie Jarman who has her own "Father Project" to locate her biological father. When an unlikely relationship develops as they collaborate, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie--and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love, it finds you.

Waldorf Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the first Saturday of every month, from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD. Anyone interested in joining, please call 301-645-2864.



February 7: *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. "My darling Cecilia, if you're reading this, then I've died. . ." Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret, something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive! Acclaimed author Liane Moriarty has written a gripping, thought-provoking novel about how well it is really possible to know our spouses, and ultimately ourselves.

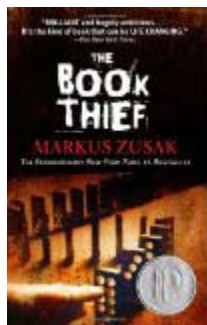
Waldorf West Library's Chicks for Lit Book Club meets on Saturdays at 10:00 to 11:30 am. Log into the Library's event calendar at <http://www.ccplonline.org/news/bookdiscussion.html> to pre-register, or call 301-645-1395. The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603.



February 7: *The One & Only* by Emily Griffin. Thirty-three-year-old Shea Rigsby has spent her entire life in Walker, Texas, a small college town that lives and dies by football, a passion she unabashedly shares. When an unexpected tragedy strikes the tight-knit Walker community, Shea's comfortable world is upended, and she begins to wonder if the life she's chosen is really enough for her. Thoughtful, funny, and brilliantly observed, *The One & Only* is a luminous novel about finding your passion, following your heart, and, most of all, believing in something bigger than yourself, the one and only thing that truly makes life worth living.

Literary Arts

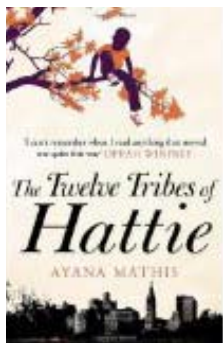
La Plata Book Discussion Group meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month. To join call 301-934-9001. The Library is located at 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646.



February 12: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist--books.

With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Call 301-375-7375, more information. The Senior Center is located at 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head, MD 20640.



February 25: *Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by Ayana Mathis. In 1923, fifteen-year-old Hattie Shepherd flees Georgia and settles in Philadelphia, hoping for a chance at a better life. Instead, she marries a man who will bring her nothing but disappointment and watches helplessly as her firstborn twins succumb to an illness a few pennies

could have prevented. Hattie gives birth to nine more children whom she raises with grit and mettle and not an ounce of the tenderness they crave. She vows to prepare them for the calamitous difficulty they are sure to face in their later lives, to meet a world that will not love them, a world that will not be kind. Captured here in twelve luminous narrative threads, their lives tell the story of a mother's monumental courage and the journey of a nation.

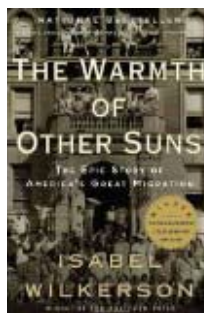
The Jane Austen Film and Book Club meets six times a year on the last Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm, at the P.D. Brown Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD. For more information, call at 301-645-2864.



February 26: *Pride & Prejudice* by Jane Austen. In a remote Hertfordshire village, far off the good coach roads of George III's England, a country squire of no great means must marry off his five vivacious daughters. At the heart of this all-consuming enterprise are his headstrong second daughter Elizabeth Bennet and her

aristocratic suitor Fitzwilliam Darcy — two lovers whose pride must be humbled and prejudices dissolved before the novel can come to its splendid conclusion.

Writers of Color Book Club meets bi-monthly at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. For more information, call 301-645-1395.



March 24: *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. From 1915 to

1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America. Wilkerson compares this epic migration to the migrations of other peoples in history. She interviewed more than a thousand people, and gained access to new data and official records, to write this definitive and vividly dramatic account of how these American journeys unfolded, altering our cities, our country, and ourselves. Both a riveting microcosm and a major assessment, *The Warmth of Other Suns* is a bold, remarkable, and riveting work, a superb account of an "unrecognized immigration" within our own land. Through the breadth of its narrative, the beauty of the writing, the depth of its research, and the fullness of the people and lives portrayed herein, this book is destined to become a classic.

Literary and Visual Arts

Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc.

Celebrates the Literary Arts!

Nuts and Bolts Gathering

Saturday, February 21, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



Come to the LJWC's Nuts and Bolts Gathering and expect to hear great reads, to join in the rich dialogue and critiques, while networking and learning industry info. And there's always more. Members, bring your works to read.

Visitors, come check us out, network and critique. Come and learn what we do, how we do it, and learn how you can become a member of the LJWC, Inc. It's a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization! Also, as the LJWC moves into a new phase -- find out just what that can mean for you. For LJWC information, call 301-705-8972, email emeddle@aol.com, or go to the website at www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

BookNuts BookStore

Customer Appreciation Sale

4459 Crain Highway, White Plains, MD

New Store Hours: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday; 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, Sunday and Monday



BookNuts BookStore is closing its doors and offering all books for \$1 (some are only 25 cents). Book purchases are also available through their website at BookNutsBookStore.com. Thousands of books are on sale, with new arrivals never offered before. For more information, call 301-836-6236.

Southern Maryland Film Festival

Saturday, July 11, 2015



Calling all local film makers in Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties! The Festival is looking for films from all age groups: elementary, middle, high school and adult. The subject categories are elementary (fiction or documentary), middle school (fiction or documentary), high school (fiction or documentary), adult (documentary, short subject), adult (documentary, feature length), adult (fiction, short subject), and adult (fiction, feature length).

There is no submission fee. Deadline to submit is April 30, 2015. Submissions must be sent to the Southern Maryland Film Society, c/o Bill Stea, PO Box 241, Pomfret, MD 20675.

Go to www.smdfs.org for the complete rules and entry form.



Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

Platinum Circle

Abbott & Charlotte Martin
Diane Rausch
Robert K. Rausch

Gold Circle

Jerry & Cheri Brady
Bert & Emily Ferren
PNC Bank
David & Nikole Smith

Silver Circle

Sam & Gale Kladitis

Business

Bullock's Piano Salon
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Joson Fine Jewelry & Home
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CCAA Membership Form



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The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100% tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Show Your Support for the Arts by Joining the CCAA!

The benefits of CCAA membership last year-round:

- CCAA Arts Insider monthly E-newsletter
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- 20% off regular prices on certain items at Hot Licks Guitar Shop in Waldorf
- 10% off custom framing at Bernie's Frame Shop in La Plata
- \$1 discount for each ticket purchased for Port Tobacco Players theatrical productions
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most importantly, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

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Master Calendar FY 2015

2014

- ☒ Sat, Jul 12, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☒ Thu, Jul 17, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
Old Waldorf School, Waldorf
- ☒ Sat, Aug 3, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
CCAA Board Summer Retreat
Solomons Landing, Solomons
- ☒ Thu, Aug 28, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat-Sun, Aug 30-31
Celebrate Charles! March from Benedict: War of 1812
Serenity Farm, Benedict, MD
- ☒ Wed - Sun, Sep 10 – 14
Charles County Fair
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata
- ☒ Tue, Sep 16, 7:00 pm
Mandatory CAD Grant Workshop
Unite Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Oct 4, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☒ Thu, Oct 9, 7:30 - 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Oct 25, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
CCAA Grant Committee Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Thu, Oct 30, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Nov 15, 7:00 – 10:00 pm
CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala
Old Waldorf School
- ☒ Wed, Nov 19, 7:30 – 8:30 am
La Plata Rotary Club Presentation
The Greene Turtle, La Plata
- ☒ Fri, Dec 5, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Sat, Dec 6, 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
"A Holiday Arts Faire" - Kris Kringle Christmas Market
2014 Charles County Holiday Trail
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Dec 13, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Holiday Fashion Show and ShopFest
Chico's of Waldorf
- ☒ Thu, Dec 18, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

2015

- ☒ Sat, Jan 10, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☒ Wed, Jan 28, 7:45 – 8:45 am
Kiwanis Club of Waldorf Presentation
Comfort Suites, Waldorf
- ☒ Sat, Jan 31, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
CCAA Board Mid-Year Retreat
Solomons Landing, Solomons
- ☐ Tue, Feb 10, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Maryland Arts Day
Annapolis
- ☐ Thu, Feb 12, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Tue, Feb 17, 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm
Waldorf Rotary Club Presentation
Waldorf West Library
- ☐ Wed, Mar 11, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Kiwanis Club of La Plata Presentation
The Greene Turtle, La Plata
- ☐ Thu, Mar 12, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Wed, Mar 18, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
CCAA Hosts CAAM Meeting
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- ☐ Tue, Mar 31, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Scholarship Committee Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Thu, Apr 9, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Sat, May 2, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
CCAA Annual Membership Meeting
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Sat, May 2, 3:00 – 4:30 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Thu, May 14, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Thu, Jun 11, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
La Plata Town Hall
- ☐ Sat, Jun 13, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
(Rain Date: Sun, Jun 14)
ArtsFest 2015
La Plata Town Hall

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